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ELICITING HCV-SPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of June 3, 2003.

- X Applicants request an extension of time for 1 month from September 23, 2003 to October 23, 2003. Enclosed is a check to cover the \$110 fee.
- No additional fee is required.
- X Also enclosed: Return Postcard.

No. of Claims Afte	r		Most Claims		Extra		-		
Amendment		Previously Paid	Claims				Additional Fee		
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/23/03

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, a one-month extension of time in which to respond is requested and a petition and fee therefor accompany this response. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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